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MR. SHARET'S SOUTH AMERICA JOURNEY

It is in the nature of things that Israel's public men should be Israel's; and the visit of Mr. Sharet to North and South America fits into the natural order. By an ancient dispensation of history, the Jew is a dispersed people. The most recent and rewarding dispensation, represented by the State of Israel, exists, it is true, to undo the ancient one. But it is a simple fact that there are now, and will continue to be, far more Jews outside the boundaries of Israel than inside. Between them and the State is a fast and positive bond. As a natural consequence Israel's relationships with many countries throughout the world have a unique and twofold character: they are the normal diplomatic relationship between friendly nations and the special relationship, not impinging on loyalties, between Israel and the Jewish communities of the Diaspora.

These circumstances give a special vitality and importance to the activities of those who conduct the State's affairs, and particularly its foreign affairs. Mr. Sharet's visit to North America coincided with the session of the General Assembly of U.N., at which the fate of Jews in the Soviet Union and in countries allied to the Soviet Union, was discussed. In this alone the peculiar world interests and responsibilities of Israel were exemplified. This sensitivity to the large issues of international politics was reflected in the fact that Mrs. Myerson, who leads the Israel delegation at the present session, felt the need, imposed by recent conciliatory acts of the Soviet Government, to modify considerably her presentation of Israel's case on behalf of the afflicted Jews. It is cause for satisfaction that Israel's Foreign Minister was at hand and was able, with Mrs. Myerson and our Ambassador, to adjust in accordance with events and the judgment based upon them, the formulation of what originally had been an unqualified indictment.

The Foreign Minister had also the opportunity, whilst in North America, to meet with President Eisenhower and members of his administration and to acquaint them with the views of his Government on a number of questions vital to the welfare of Israel and germane to the Middle East policy of the United States. That policy is said now to be in the making. Its final shape probably awaits the visit of Mr. Dulles, the Secretary of State, to the countries of the Middle East. It is idle to speculate on what that policy may be; but it is of great importance that Israel's views should be placed before the U.S. Government in the most authoritative manner and in good time. If for no other reason than that, Mr. Sharet's visit to North America has been amply justified.

The Foreign Minister has now set out upon the more arduous part of his tour, which is to cover Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Brazil; and will emphasize the twofold, unique character of Israel's external relationships. He will visit the political leaders of those countries and will consult both with Israel's diplomatic missions and with the influential Jewish communities which have cast their lot with the young and virile states in the southern half of the vast American continent. These communities stand proxy, so to speak, for Israel among the friendly peoples of Latin America, whose official representatives have from time to time done splendid service for this country in international councils where matters affecting certain rights of Israel, as of other countries, are debated and decided. Between them, Central and South America possess a bloc of eighteen votes in the United Nations. The friendship of those countries is therefore a worthy prize, and one that calls for vigilance in the nation that seeks it. Latin America is a territory of enormous potentiality and enormous opportunity. The ties that link it with Israel are ties of goodwill; the strengthening of those ties cannot be other than beneficial to this country.

TECHNION STUDENTS ENLARGE LIBRARY
The Student Association of the Technion has announced the receipt of a gift of approximately 400 books dealing largely with American and English literature and containing many of the classic as well as books in various fields of science. The gift was presented on behalf of Miss Susan Marmur, of New York, and the collection has been placed in the library maintained by the Technion Student Association.

Behind the Middle East News Arab Revolt Against Nagib

By Achimogel

NAGIB'S prestige in Britain has declined sharply. Before the Sudan negotiations got under way a few months ago, Conservative newspapers clamoured that the Government should use its economic power to keep Nagib on his feet. By the time negotiations were concluded Nagib was still Britain's "best bet," but the tone was one of resignation. Last week "The Times," at the bottom of one of its lengthy Cairo despatches, came near to calling him another Mossadegh.

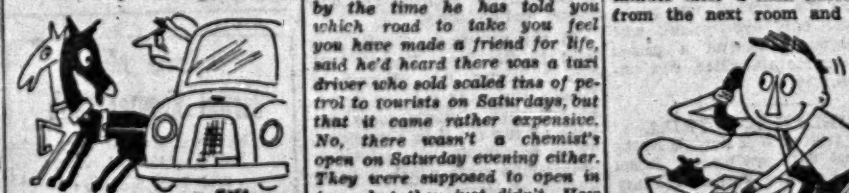
In Washington there has been nothing like this demonstrative eclipse. As time went on he was no longer the Middle East planner's dream of stability come true, but there was still a belief that he would make good. Moreover, the almost idolatrous tone in which Nagib was spoken of in high circles in Washington did not fail to strike observers. It was this tone, coupled with the prospect of a more active and sympathetic American Middle East policy, which provided the background to the "rebellion" of the Arab states against Nagib's lead.

Lebanese Leanings
The centre of the "revolt" was Beirut, where Charles Malik had returned to report on the "Lebanon" in Washington. The Lebanon has always had leanings towards the West though all their attempts to make them prevail have been quite hapless. Recently, the colourful figure of the new President, Camille Chamoun, and his reputation in the Hashemite countries, has put the Lebanon more into the Arab political spotlight. It was not by chance that Fadi Jamali, chairman of the Iraqi Chamber of Deputies, chose Beirut in order to speak on the advisability, in principle, of "joining the free world."

Opposition to Egypt first made itself felt in conflicting versions. One was that Egypt was blocking a general arrangement with the West because of her conflict with Britain about matters from which the other Arab states suffered no particular injury. This evoked memories of the World Assembly of U.N., at which the fate of Jews in the Soviet Union and in countries allied to the Soviet Union, was discussed. In this alone the peculiar world interests and responsibilities of Israel were exemplified. This sensitivity to the large issues of international politics was reflected in the fact that Mrs. Myerson, who leads the Israel delegation at the present session, felt the need, imposed by recent conciliatory acts of the Soviet Government, to modify considerably her presentation of Israel's case on behalf of the afflicted Jews. It is cause for satisfaction that Israel's Foreign Minister was at hand and was able, with Mrs. Myerson and our Ambassador, to adjust in accordance with events and the judgment based upon them, the formulation of what originally had been an unqualified indictment.

KEEPING POSTED

OUR favourite town, Nahariya, was plunged into an unfamiliar bedlam some days ago that made old-timers shake their heads and say one might well be living in Tel Aviv. It all began with a cart filled with sand, drawn by two mules, which was passing the orderly queue of cars drawn up by the petrol pump. The mules passed the waiting cars with no more than a contemptuous look, and then suddenly took exception to a brilliant red tractor which tried to overtake them. One of the mules pulled right across the narrow road, which has a deep ditch on either side, and got the cart so jammed that nobody could pass. The driver of the cart, aided presently by the drivers of all the cars that were boxed up at either side, tried threats and persuasion, the mule looked mullah and refused to stir. By the end of 20 minutes practically every car in Nahariya had joined the confusion, and it looked like Aladdin's Road in the rush hour. At this point somebody went for the police. The mule waited for him to be well out of earshot, and then quietly walked off with his cart.



WHAT with all this talk of the new oil export exchange rate, we thought we would be tourists ourselves and took a trip to Tiberias. We had somebody reserve a room for us at the last moment, and on the afternoon of the day rang up the hotel to make sure the room was booked. "We may be a little late," we told the manager on the phone, "as we are going to Kin Gec first." "What's that, you'll be late?" "Yes, the opera at Kin Gec. It'll be about 11:30 before we get in, I should think." "That's out of the question," he said indignantly, "this is a very respectable hotel, and we don't have guests coming in late."

ANOTHER Israel tourist writes that she spent a day with her family at the Convent Hotel overlooking Tiberias. The children were much impressed with the strange clothes and dignified bearing of the nuns, and she explained the customs of the religious orders to them. Her little girl seemed worried, and asked whether the nuns really never got married. They didn't? Then where on earth did they get their little nuns from?

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COMMUNISTS SWITCH PRESSURE FROM MALAYA TO SIAM New Drive in S. East Asia

By RAWLE KNOX

SIXTY thousand Annamites, mostly refugees from the Indo-China war, are concentrated in five north-eastern provinces of Siam. They are kept there by Siamese law, for the government, not without reason, has its suspicions of them. All shades of opinion agree that 99 per cent of these Annamites support the Viet-Minh.

"Concentrating them there only makes it easier for the Communists to control them," says Mr. Tran Van Dinh, the able information officer of the Vietnamese Legation in Bangkok. "We hardly dare establish a consulate there, for the Viet-Minh completely dominate the area. The Annamites are hard-working and prosperous, and contribute much to the Viet-Minh funds in Indo-China. I have talked to a woman labourer who has hands over nearly two-thirds of her pay to the Viet-Minh." Reasoned but unofficial estimates put the Viet-Minh working capital in Siam at about \$100,000.

These Vietnamese expatriates are controlled by an organization with the resounding title of the Association of Overseas Vietnamese in Laos and Thailand. This comes under the purview of the celebrated Nguyen Van Long, who is the delegate from the Central Executive of the Laotian Party to Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Burma.

Phantom Figure
Nguyen Van Long, an Annamite, 45-year-old, speaker of English, French, Russian and Siamese among other languages, is at present reliably reported to be in central Vietnam, though British intelligence in Singapore and Bangkok sources close to the Viet-Minh expect him back in Bangkok about June. Though the Siamese Government has officially expelled the Viet-Minh delegation from Bangkok, Nguyen Van Long appears to have little difficulty in visiting Bangkok to visit Viet-Minh organizers active in the capital.

Van Long, whom the Singapore police suspect of being "Mr. Wright," Secretary-General of the Malayan Communist Party until he left the country to avoid a purge in 1948, established in 1950 a "Liaison Committee for Asian Liberation armies" at Mongien in Burma, 50 miles south-east of Kengtung town and only five miles from the Mekong river border with Siam. Recently, owing to the rampages of General Li Mi's Chinese Nationalist soldiers in that area, Long's headquarters has moved about ten miles south-west of Mongien, to Mongpong.

A Vietnamese journalist who thrice visited Mongien in 1950, reported to me that Van Long had a central committee of about ten men and a "protection force" of 100 men.

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Saturday evening April 18, at 9

Memorial Broadcast over Kol Yisrael

Message from Chief of Staff, Pauline, the Rabbi A. H. Shag "El Maleh Rahamin" and "Kaddish" Soldiers' Literary Legacy—Reading by Hannah Rovina.

Sunday, April 19

7 a.m. - Siren blast and Synagogue Memorial Prayers.

8 a.m. - Communion at schools with former pupils who fell in the fighting.

8:30 a.m. - Address by Prof. Ben-Zion Dinur, Minister of Education and Culture, to school children (Broadcast over Kol Yisrael).

11 a.m. - Memorials at various Military cemeteries; Memorial Broadcast over Kol Yisrael.

7 p.m. - Siren blast and silence.

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Invitations are available at the office of the Vaad Lem'an Hachayal and K'nai H'artim.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

EXTRA TRAINS

As from April 18, extra trains will run on the Tel Aviv/Haifa route on Saturday nights and Holidays, at the following times:

To TEL AVIV (Old Station)	Departure	To HAIFA (Old Station)	Departure
From HAIFA	8:30 p.m.	From TEL AVIV	8:30 p.m.
- LYDIA	10 p.m.	- LYDIA	10 p.m.
- NADARA	10:15 p.m.	- NADARA	10:15 p.m.
- LYDIA	11:30 p.m.	- BENTANHA	11:30 p.m.
Arrives TEL AVIV	11:45 p.m.	Arrives HAIFA	11:45 p.m.

A. SPHRATI, Deputy Director General

PALES News Bulletin

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1953

The Man With the RADAR BRAIN by Bernard S. Redmont. This is Cinema by Lowell Thomas and many other articles of lasting interest. Price: 300 Pruta. Distributor: PALES.

Now available, February issue of QST devoted entirely to AMATEUR RADIO. Price: 450 Pruta. Distributor: PALES.

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In the March issue of OMNIBOOK you will find: TITO - Vladimir Dedler "Selections from a man who defied the might of Stalin" THE MAIR HELLINGERS STORY... Behind the scenes with a noted columnist and successful motion picture producer, etc. Price: 300 Pruta. Distributor: PALES.

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DITTE, Child of Man - Andersen. New

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Some of the Books on sale at our bookshops: MACHINE SHOP OPERATIONS - American Technical Society IL.2500 ELECTRIC GENERATORS - McGraw-Hill IL.2500

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